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Rodrigues, Bartolomei, Kappel and Strums-Simon join Freeman Companies

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After recently landing a big catch from the geotechnical engineering world, Freeman Companies has reeled in several more experienced professionals to fill key roles at the growing engineering-consulting firm. Growth has been extremely robust at Freeman Cos. since the firm was founded in June of 2009.

Founder and principal Rohan Freeman, PE, LS attributes much of his company's rapid success to the quality service the firm provides its clients, and the experience of the professionals he has recruited.

Four new full-time positions have been added and filled at Freeman Companies during August and September and there are plans to add additional staff in 2013. The growing team includes Paul Rodrigues, John Bartolomei, Taylor Kappel and Marcella Strums-Simon.

Paul Rodrigues, PE - engineer/project manager. Rodrigues brings and 11-year track record of managing medium and large scale civil engineering projects throughout Connecticut and Mass. He is a veteran transportation and site design specialist having developed site layouts and designs of campus master plans and industrial park plans providing roadway & walkway patterns, recreational facilities and proposed subdivision layouts.

His notable projects include work for Yale University, Foxwoods Resort & Casino, MGM Grand Casino, the Connecticut Department of Construction Services, Capitol Region Education Council (CREC), Post University and multiple highway/street improvements in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

John Bartolomei, LLS - land surveyor. Bartolomei's land surveying and project management experience span over 30 years. He previously served multiple roles at KWP Associates including transit coordinator, crew chief and chief of surveys. Bartolomei's new position brings the total number of fully licensed land surveyors at Freeman to four, a competitive advantage and valuable differentiator for the firm.

Taylor Kappel, PE - staff engineer. Kappel rose to the top of his engineering classes at the University of Connecticut obtaining a 4.0 GPA in his major - Civil Engineering. His creativity and technical skills were proven by winning first place in the senior design presentations for the civil engineering department. Recent accomplishments include a complete set of architectural, structural, foundation and site designs for a LEED Gold certified museum project.

Marcella Strums-Simon - marketing coordinator. Strums-Simon is a creative, energetic marketing administration professional with 25 years of experience in marketing, business development and executive support for professional services firms. Strums-Simon's previous work serving architects and real estate developers prepares her very well to help Freeman Companies maintain a strong communications effort in the community. She will assist the engineering, project management and

executive teams with marketing communications, graphic design, proposals, client communications, and public relations initiatives. Strums-Simon is a welcomed addition to Freeman as the firm grows. She will help the firm apply its commitment to excellence in communications and executive administration.

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